

FINAL

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Town Council held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015 in Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Present were: Mayor Sydney Schulman, Deputy Mayor Joan Gamble, Councilors Joseph Washington, Joel Neuwirth, Patrick DeLorenzo, Derrick Seldon and Leon Rivers

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager, Sharron Howe, Assistant to the Town Manager, Marc Needelman, Town Attorney and India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Absent was: Councilors Wayne Hypolite and Joseph Merritt

Guest were: Mr. James Thompson, Superintendent of Bloomfield Public Schools, Donald Harris, Chair, Bloomfield Board of Education, William Guzman, Chief Operating Officer, Bloomfield Public Schools, Wayne Casper, Director of Facilities, Bloomfield Public Schools, Luke McCoy, Landscape Architect – BSC Group

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Briefing by the Board of Education regarding the Artificial Turf field at Bloomfield High School

Mr. Donald Harris, Chair of the Bloomfield Board of Education expressed clarification regarding the process for funding the capital improvement request for a new artificial turf field as well as utilization of the field by all school athletics and community team leagues. There will be approximately 40 games per season played on this new field.

Mr. Luke McCoy, Landscape Architect for BSC Group gave a brief overview of the project of the current grass turf field with an artificial turf replacement. Mr. McCoy conducted a site assessment of the existing field, track and retaining walls.

There were three options presented to the Board of Education for consideration:

1. Major Renovation of the existing field, track and retaining walls
2. Conversion of the field and rehab track and retaining walls
3. Renovation of the field, retaining walls and expanding the track to 8 lanes.

Based on cost analysis for each option and budget allocations, the Board of Education decided to choose option 2, Natural Grass Field Conversion to All-Weather (Synthetic Turf Surface, Track Renovation/Rehabilitation and Retaining Wall Rehabilitation. Mr. McCoy also briefed the Council on the project budget, estimated cost of \$1,242,450. The project scope also included add alternate if funding became available for completion of approximately \$107,800.

The project schedule is set to begin in three weeks with estimated timeframe of completion by the end of the summer, August 2015. The goal is to have the field ready for play for the Fall 2015 sports season.

There was a brief discussion ensued by the Council, Mr. McCoy of BSC Group regarding the replacement artificial turf field.

Mayor Schulman expressed concerns regarding the safety issues of play on the artificial turf field.

Mr. McCoy stated that studies have shown a decrease in injuries, new performance guidelines as well as addressing health concerns of chrome rubber that have been unsubstantiated.

Deputy Mayor Gamble inquiring about heating concerns of the turf during summer months. It was noted that several studies have been conducted of turf use in the New England climate. The air temperature in the month of August has been shown to show signs of concern, however players and coaches are pre-warned to take breaks and increase water intake during those times on the field.

Councilor Rivers inquiring about spacing between the goal poles, track and field.

Councilor DeLorenzo thanked the presenter for the detailed information regarding artificial tracks. He also inquired about water run-off, longevity of the field and maintenance. It was noted that the new field is built with an under field drainage system. In addition, the field has an 8 year warranty from the manufacturer as well as a third party warranty policy.

Councilor Seldon inquired about the need for replacement of the field after its useful lifespan of 8-10 years. Approximately, 40% of the turf would be replaced in the areas of wear. The estimated cost in existing pricing is approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000.

Presentation by Alex Fox with C-TEC Solar

Mr. Alex Fox of C-TEC Solar gave a brief presentation of the benefits in utilizing Virtual Net Metering (VNM) for the Town of Bloomfield. VNM is the process by which credits for the electricity produced at a remote solar farm site can be applied to the electrical produced at a remote solar farm site can be applied to the electrical bill of an electric customer within the same Electric Distribution Company (EDC) territory.

C-TEC Solar is proposing to sell this electricity through VNM to the Town, at a decreased rate. The company is proposing a solar arrangement which would allow the Town to save money immediately on the electric bill and reduce operating expenses. (Please see attached graph for specific details)

CITIZENS STATEMENT & PETITIONS

There were no citizens' statements or petitions.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

Community Services – Councilor Seldon reported that this subcommittee met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Councilor Seldon highlighted several upcoming events and programs with Leisure Services, Senior Services and Social & Youth Services. The Beautification Committee reported Spring planting with begin in May. The committee is planning on landscaping the entrance town sign at Blue Hills Avenue and Cottage Grove Road.

Administration & Education – Councilor Rivers reported that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 to present the FY 2015/2016 Town Budget.

Golf – Councilor Rivers reported that the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course officially opened for the season on April 11, 2015.

Public Safety – Councilor Washington will give a detailed report of this subcommittee at the next scheduled Council meeting on April 27, 2015.

Land Use & Economic Development – The next scheduled subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5. In addition, the Economic Development Commission (EDC) will meet on April 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room #5.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FY 14/15-54: Consider and Take Action Regarding Tax Refunds

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to that tax refunds be approved in accordance with the memorandum dated April 7, 2014.

APRIL 2015 REFUNDS

ARNOLD JARROD G	2012MV	\$14.45
ASHLAND INC	2013MV	\$119.62
BLACK ROBERT	2013MVSUP	\$153.84
BOUTHOT NEAL	2013MVSUP	\$520.02
CLARA CHAMBERS	2008RE	\$109.44
	2009RE	\$100.78
VETERAN'S EXEMPTION	2010RE	\$103.72
	2011RE	\$106.36
	2012RE	\$107.26
	2013RE	\$107.22
CHAPMAN LOUIE JR	2013MV	\$49.96
CHESSARI DEBORAH	2013MVSUP	\$57.36
COOPER MELVA	2013MV	\$248.01
DAUBER JEFFREY & RITA	2011RE	\$238.22
	2012RE	\$240.22
	2013RE	\$240.16
FONTENELLE LEE & LUCRETIA	2012RE	\$123.35
FRANKLIN RANDI	2013RE	\$226.10
GORDON THOMAS & JANE D	2013RE	\$3,338.41
HEARD FELICIA	2013MV	\$47.03
HONDA LEASE TRUST	2013MV	\$610.69
LENDER LIVE FOR STEWART KATRINA	2013RE	\$3,988.18
LINCOLN VALERIE	2011RE	\$284.79
MCGARRITY ELIZABETH M	2013MV	\$5.97

NISSAN INFINITI	2013MV	\$181.52
SHULER ROBERT & PATRICIA	2013RE	\$200.00
TAYLOR-SMITH MAUREEN	2013MV	\$24.51
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2013MV	\$154.46
TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT	2013MV	\$645.93
TOTAL REFUNDS		\$12,347.58

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER

Mayor's Report

Mayor Schulman hoped everyone had a wonderful Easter and Passover holiday.

- On April 9, 2015 at Laurel Elementary School, the Alliance for Bloomfield's Children (ABC) held a meeting to discuss local government, education and mental health services in the community. This group will meet for 20 weeks with parents to discuss various community issues.
- On April 18, 2015, Mayor Schulman will attend the NAACP Prayer Breakfast in Hartford, CT.
- On April 19, 2015, Councilor Merritt will be honored by the Bloomfield Republican Town Committee – Post Lincoln Day Dinner for his 25 years of service.
- On April 24, 2015, an event will be held at Transformed Health & Fitness Ministries honoring owner Mr. Kelvin Moore for 35 years in the fitness industry. Mr. Moore will be moving to the Washington D.C. area to further his career.
- On April 25, 2015, the Wintonbury Historical Society will host their Annual Tag Sale at the corner of Park Avenue and School Street.
- On April 26, 2015, the Bloomfield United Methodist will host a fundraiser at Rehoboth Church of God, 1170 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager reported the following updates to the Town Council:

- Mr. Schenck, Jr. updated the Council on the statistics relative to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Drug Prescription Program. Since July 1, 2013, 663 individuals have participated in the program, with a savings over \$22,000 and 41% of each prescription.
- The Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Council will be held on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and approve the FY 2015/2016 Town Budget.

- On April 13, 2015, Senior Services held their volunteer luncheon honoring those that tirelessly dedicate their time and energy in helping others.
- The Town of Bloomfield have several job vacancies for Police Officers, Back-Up Mini Bus Drivers and Internship opportunities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Neuwirth and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor DeLorenzo reminded Council of the Post Lincoln Day Dinner sponsored by the Bloomfield Republican Town Committee (BRTC) on April 19, 2015. Councilor Merritt will be honored at this event for his 25 years of service to the Town of Bloomfield. It was also noted that a 20% donation of the net proceeds will go to the Bloomfield Food Bank.

Councilor Neuwirth gave a brief update regarding “Celebrate Bloomfield”. There will be a variety events and activities taking place during May 30, 2015 – June 6, 2015. A detailed bulletin of events have been included in the 2015 Spring/Summer Leisure Services brochure.

Deputy Mayor Gamble and Councilor Washington reminded residents to donate to the Bloomfield Food Bank.

Councilor Rivers attended the Senior Services volunteer luncheon. He stated that he was impressed on the amount of money the town has saved due to the dedication and commitment of volunteers.

Councilor Rivers also noted that the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course was listed in Golf Course Week magazine at the #2 municipal golf course in New England and #6 in the nation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:46 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to enter Executive Session A – Pending Claims and Litigation with the Town Council, Town Manager, Assistant to the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

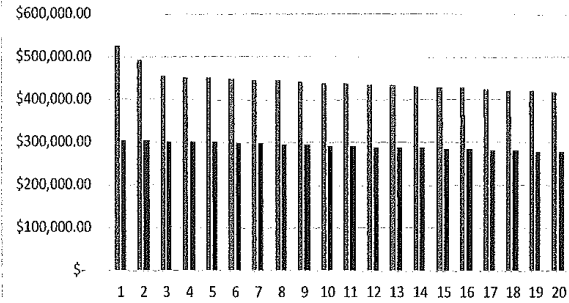
At 8:57 p.m., it was moved by Councilor Neuwirth, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to exit Executive Session A.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor DeLorenzo to adjourn the meeting.

Town of Bloomfield - VNM Project

Input Parameters		
System Size (kW)		2400
PPA Rate Year 1:	\$	0.098
Annual PPA Escalator:		0.00%
Production Year 1 (kWh):	3,120,000.00	
Annual PV Degredation:		0.5
Avoided Cost of Electricity (\$/kWh)	\$	0.16873
Annual Utility Escalation Rate:		0.0%



Lifetime Savings Analysis

Year	Estimated Production	Utility Electricity Rate	Inflation Rate	Annual Cost w/o Solar (\$)	PPA Rate (\$/KWH)	PPA Inflation	Annual Cost w/ Solar	Annual Savings with Solar
1	3,120,000.00	\$ 0.1687	0.00%	\$ 526,437.60	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 305,760.000	\$ 220,677.60
2	3,104,400.00	\$ 0.1581	0.00%	\$ 490,867.73	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 304,231.20	\$ 186,636.53
3	3,088,878.00	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 455,640.39	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 302,710.04	\$ 152,930.35
4	3,073,433.61	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 453,362.19	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 301,196.49	\$ 152,165.70
5	3,058,066.44	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 451,095.38	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 299,690.51	\$ 151,404.87
6	3,042,776.11	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 448,839.90	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 298,192.06	\$ 150,647.85
7	3,027,562.23	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 446,595.70	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 296,701.10	\$ 149,894.61
8	3,012,424.42	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 444,362.73	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 295,217.59	\$ 149,145.13
9	2,997,362.30	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 442,140.91	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 293,741.51	\$ 148,399.41
10	2,982,375.48	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 439,930.21	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 292,272.80	\$ 147,657.41
11	2,967,463.61	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 437,730.56	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 290,811.43	\$ 146,919.12
12	2,952,626.29	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 435,541.90	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 289,357.38	\$ 146,184.53
13	2,937,863.16	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 433,364.19	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 287,910.59	\$ 145,453.60
14	2,923,173.84	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 431,197.37	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 286,471.04	\$ 144,726.34
15	2,908,557.97	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 429,041.39	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 285,038.68	\$ 144,002.71
16	2,894,015.18	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 426,896.18	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 283,613.49	\$ 143,282.69
17	2,879,545.11	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 424,761.70	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 282,195.42	\$ 142,566.28
18	2,865,147.38	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 422,637.89	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 280,784.44	\$ 141,853.45
19	2,850,821.64	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 420,524.70	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 279,380.52	\$ 141,144.18
20	2,836,567.54	\$ 0.1475	0.00%	\$ 418,422.08	\$ 0.098	0.00%	\$ 277,983.62	\$ 140,438.46
				\$ 8,879,390.71			\$5,833,259.910	\$ 3,046,130.80